

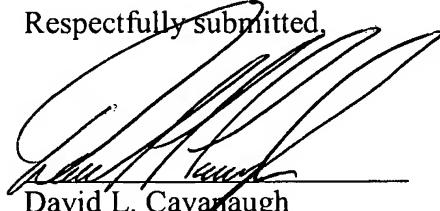
Remarks:

The Examiner stated that the application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 9-12 directed to a non-elected invention. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the favorable action.

After entry of the amendment, claims 1-8 are pending and claims 9-12 are cancelled.

Therefore, Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable consideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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